

# **Obey/Sabo Amendment to Provide An Additional \$1 Billion to Improve Immigration, Aviation, Port and Transit Security**

## Speed Up Efforts to Detect and Deport Criminal Aliens (+\$250 Million)

- This amendment funds additional Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) criminal alien teams so that ICE will be able to screen 100% criminal alien now in federal, state, or local jails by 2008, one year earlier than planned (+\$150 million).
- This amendment funds additional detention beds and transportation to allow the prompt removal of these criminal aliens.
- Today, DHS estimates that it is not able to identify about 138,000 of the over 300,000 illegal aliens now in our nation's prisons due to lack of staffing.

## Expand Aviation Explosive Detection Systems and Cutting Edge Research (+\$300 million)

- This amendment provides additional funding to expand screening of passengers for explosives, screening of air cargo carried on passenger aircraft, and provides for more efficient in-line explosive detection systems, all called for in the Intelligence Reform Act.
- Today, TSA is only able to fund limited deployment of the more efficient and effective in-line explosive screening systems due to lack of resources.
- After the London threat, DHS expanded its liquid explosive research with a pilot program. Funding provided in this amendment will allow DHS to conduct expanded research on new aviation threats.

## Port Security (+\$190 million)

- This amendment, when combined with the funding in the conference mark, would provide \$400 million for port security grants, as called for in the recent port security bills.
- The Coast Guard estimated that \$5.4 billion is needed through 2012 for ports to comply with federal port security standards and with the funding contained in the conference recommendation only 21% of this will have been funded in six years.

## Transit Security and Other First Responders/Increases Preparedness (+\$260 million)

- With the funding in this conference mark, only \$591 million will have been provided by DHS since 9/11 for transit security, despite the number of attacks and a \$6 billion needs estimate.
- This amendment provides \$215 million for transit security grants, more than double the \$175 million in the conference mark.
- This amendment also provides an additional \$45 million so that state and urban area terrorism grants are not reduced below 2006.